



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Year 6 School Journey

The Year 6 children, Miss Felstead, Miss Raw and myself have returned in one piece from our annual residential school journey to West Runton in Norfolk. The children were true ambassadors for our school and were role models to the other children on the site. There is a selection of photographs of the trip on the school website. The children enjoyed abseiling, archery, laser quest, rock pooling, leap of faith and many more activities that we would not be able to provide in school. Thank you to the staff who gave up their time to accompany the children. Thank you also to the parents who have emailed their appreciation. It was exhausting, but well worth it for the children!

Tomorrow - Year 2 Class Assembly

As detailed in the summer term diary dates, Year 2 parents are invited to school at 9am to see what Year 2 have been studying this year. The assembly will be held in the school hall and will last 30 minutes.

Thursday - Alban Day

In the run up to the **Alban Pilgrimage on the 20th June** we will be holding an Alban Day here at school for the first time. **The children are invited to come to school dressed as an angel, a soldier or dressed in red** to support the Abbey with its fundraising and improvement project called 'Alban, Britain's First Saint - Telling the Whole Story'.

The Abbey is embarking upon a transformational project to reveal the importance of Alban and raise the profile of the Cathedral built in his honour. The project will widen access to the Cathedral's story, conserve and protect its heritage and history, and welcome existing and new visitors warmly with a new welcome centre and facilities. It will bring increased visitor numbers and national profile which together will safeguard the unique heritage of our Cathedral into the future.

Due to be officially launched at the Alban Pilgrimage, Alban's Angels is a way to support St Albans Cathedral in its major development project. The project will improve the visitor and educational facilities and tell the story of Alban, Britain's first saint.





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The children will be invited to bring a £1 donation to school for the Abbey to dress up on Alban Day. Donations to the Abbey of £25-£100 will be acknowledged by the cathedral by adding the following angels to an angel cloud:

£25 - a white angel

£50 - a gold angel

£100 - a pair of angels, with a personalised message

It would be lovely if Abbey School was recognised by receiving one of the first pairs of angels following our collective donation from Alban Day. Father Richard will talk to the children about the story of Alban in the Abbey that day whilst the children are in costume. In the future, we will be able to visit the Cathedral to see the Alban Angels as they grow in number in the angel cloud!

Friday 19th June - Groovy Shoes and or Crazy Hair

To support Grove House Hospice we will be holding a Groovy Shoes and or Crazy Hair day. Children are invited to bring a £1 donation to support this worthy charity. Children should wear normal school uniform with their chosen shoes or crazy hair style.

Monday 22nd June - Whole School Photograph

Every five years Abbey School has a whole school photograph taken on the school field. This will be the first photograph that our current Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 classes and myself have been in as the last one was taken in summer 2010. The photograph will be taken in the morning and it is important that all children are present that day to be included. The next photograph will be in 2020!

Whole School Photograph - Uniform

Children must wear correct, clean and smart school uniform for the photograph. Girl's socks should be white, boy's socks should be grey. Girls may wear either skirt/pinafore dress/trousers/tailored shorts and polo shirt, or a light blue and white checked summer dress. Polo shirts **must** be worn with the school cardigan or sweatshirt. Fleece are not to be worn for the photograph. The only badges to be worn on the sweatshirt, jumper or summer dress are the Abbey Shields.

Girl's hair accessories must be in line with school uniform rules, and therefore tied back with white or blue accessories.

All school shoes must be clean, black and polished as these may be visible in the photograph.

Best wishes,

Emma Fenn
Headteacher